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| Sture Helmersson et al. |) Confirmation No. 1735 |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment with Remarks is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2010 having a two-month period for response set to expire on June 30, 2010. Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.